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Remarks

Favorable review is requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1 – 14 and 21 – 26 are pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully request that upon allowance of claims 1 and 21 that withdrawn claims 10, 11, and 26 be re-entered and reconsidered.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 – 9, 12 – 14, and 21 – 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chapin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,128,822). Claims 12 – 14 were deemed allowable in the Examiner's Answer of June 13, 2006. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following comments.

Claims 1 and 21 require a first streamline control element for limiting stagnation and a second streamline control element for limiting stagnation and flow reversal. Chapin et al. fail to teach or suggest a first streamline control element for limiting stagnation and a second streamline control element for limiting stagnation and flow reversal. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 12 – 14 are allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the comments presented herein, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any further questions should arise, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

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